



# Temporary Visitor Driver's License Program (TVDL)

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# TVDL PROGRAM

## PA 97-1157

- PA 97-1157 creates the new Temporary Visitor Driver's License Program.
- The legislation directs the Office of the Illinois Secretary of State to develop procedures for implementing the program.
- The process to issue the new TVDLs began in early December 2013.
- All applicants must provide a valid, unexpired foreign passport or an Illinois State Police-approved Consular Card.
  - Currently Mexico, Guatemala, Brazil, Colombia and Ecuador



## TVDL PROGRAM (continued)

- The TVDL is valid for driving purposes only. It is not valid for identification purposes.
- The TVDL will be valid for three years from the date of publication.
- **The TVDL is only valid if the card holder is able to provide proof of liability insurance.**
- The applicant must have resided in the State of Illinois for more than 12 months.
- The TVDL will not be issued in the facility on the day of application. It will be mailed after the application information has been verified.



# Applications will only be accepted at these 36 designated Secretary of State facilities:

**Aurora  
Beardstown  
Bethalto  
Bloomington  
Bradley  
Bridgeview  
Carbondale  
Champaign  
Chicago Heights  
Chicago North  
Chicago South  
Chicago West  
Deerfield**

**DeKalb  
Des Plaines  
Edwardsville  
Elgin  
Granite City  
Joliet  
Lake Zurich  
Lombard  
Macomb  
Melrose Park  
Midlothian  
Moline/Silvis  
Morris**

**Naperville  
Ottawa  
Peoria  
Princeton  
Rockford Central  
Schaumburg  
Springfield  
Tilton  
Waukegan  
Woodstock**



## Required Documents

### NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH

Provide one document from this category.

By statute, all applicants for a TVDL are required to present one of these two documents:

- **Unexpired Foreign Passport issued by the country of citizenship**
- **Consular Card issued from Mexico, Guatemala, Brazil, Colombia or Ecuador (or other country approved by the Illinois State Police)**



# Required Documents

## WRITTEN SIGNATURE

Provide one document from this category.

- **Unexpired Foreign Passport**
- **Consular Card**
- **Cooperative Driver Certificate (High School Driver Education)**
- **Court Order**
- **Credit Card—Major Brand**
- **U.S. Federal, State or Local Government ID Card**
- **Mortgage/Installment Loan Agreement**
- **Current Out-of-State Driver's License or ID Card**
- **Mexican Electoral Card**





## Required Documents

### CURRENT ADDRESS

Provide **two** documents from this category issued **within 90 days** of TVDL application date.

- Consular Card (From Illinois State Police-approved country)\*
- Utility Bill (electric, water, trash, telephone, cable or gas)
- Bank Statement
- Credit Report (Experian, Equifax or TransUnion)
- Deed/Title, Mortgage, Rental/Lease Agreement
- Insurance Policy (Homeowner's or Renter's)
- Medical Claim or Statement of Benefits (From private insurance company or government agency)

\*If the Consular Card is used in this category, it CANNOT also be used for 12-month residency category.



## Required Documents

### CURRENT ADDRESS

(continued)

- Official Mail (Received from a state, county, city, village or federal agency that includes first and last name and full address)
- Homestead Exemption Receipt
- Pension or Retirement Statement
- Report Card (From grade/high school, college or university)
- Tuition Invoice or Other Official Mail (From a college or university)
- Certified School Transcripts
- Selective Service Card





## Required Documents

# 12-MONTH RESIDENCY

Provide **one** document from this category issued at least **12 months prior** to TVDL application date.

- **Consular Card (From Illinois State Police-approved country)\***
- **Utility Bill (electric, water, trash, telephone, cable or gas)**
- **Bank Statement**
- **Insurance Policy (Homeowner's or Renter's)**
- **Deed/Title, Mortgage, Rental/Lease Agreement**
- **Medical Claim or Statement of Benefits (From private insurance company or government agency)**
- **Official Mail (Received from a state, county, city, village or federal agency that includes first and last name and full address)**
- **Homestead Exemption Receipt**

\*If the Consular Card is used in this category, it **CANNOT** also be used for current residency category.



## Required Documents

### 12-MONTH RESIDENCY

(continued)

- Pension or Retirement Statement
- Report Card (From grade/high school, college or university)
- Tuition Invoice or Other Official Mail (From college or university)
- Certified School Transcripts



## Required Documents NAME CHANGE

Provide **one** document from this category if applicant's name is different than the name on the passport or Consular Card.

- Court Order
- Marriage Certificate

The document provided must show the link between both names.



## VERIFICATION OF RESIDENCY FORM

- First-time applicants for a TVDL will be required to complete a Verification of Residency Form available at:

[ilsos.gov](http://ilsos.gov)

- The form requires applicants to complete a 12-month address history.



# FACILITY APPLICATION PROCESS

- Facility employee will check to make sure the applicant has all the required documents.
- Applicant will be given a number and asked to wait until called to the counter.
- Counter employee will carefully review each document and enter the applicant's information into the computer.
- Applicant will take the vision test.



# FACILITY APPLICATION PROCESS (continued)

- Applicant will pay \$30 fee (+ \$5 for motorcycle).
- Applicant will take the written driver's test.
- Applicant will take the road test.
- The employee and the applicant will sign the application form.
- All the applicant's documents, including the application form, will be scanned.
- The applicant's picture and signature will be captured.





# FACILITY APPLICATION PROCESS (continued)

- The applicant will be given a receipt. (Not to be used as authorization to drive.)
- After all the information on the application has been verified, the TVDL will be printed and mailed to the applicant's home address.



# VERIFICATIONS

- The information on the application will be verified by Secretary of State staff.
- If the application is approved, the TVDL will be printed and mailed. Most applicants will receive their TVDL within 15-20 business days.
- If the application is not approved, the applicant will receive a denial letter with general information about the denial. The letter will include the telephone number (855) 212-2687 to call to find out what can be done to resolve the problem so the applicant can apply again.



## UPON RECEIPT OF A TVDL

- Per statute, a TVDL is only valid as long as the holder's liability insurance is maintained.
- A TVDL is for driving privileges only and cannot be used for identification purposes.
- A TVDL may not be accepted for driving in other states. TVDL holders traveling to other states should check with those states' Department of Motor Vehicles first.
- TVDL holders who need to re-apply for a new TVDL up to 90 days prior to the expiration date must visit a TVDL facility.



## UPON RECEIPT OF A TVDL (continued)

- TVDL holders who need to change any information on their TVDL must visit a TVDL facility.
- A lost TVDL will require the holder to apply for a duplicate TVDL by visiting one of the 36 TVDL facilities. The expiration date will be the same as the original card and no information can be changed. The facility will capture a new photo and signature. The new card will be mailed to the applicant's address within 15-20 days.



## Keep in Mind

- There is no charge for testing materials.
- Copies of the Rules of the Road are available for free at:

[ilsos.gov](http://ilsos.gov)

- The Secretary of State does not endorse any particular driving schools, nor do they require proof of graduation from a driver's school (\*excluding those under the age of 21).





## FAQs

**Q — In the past I obtained a driver's license under a false Social Security number. Can I still apply for a TVDL?**

**A — A TVDL applicant will be treated as any other applicant who has obtained a driver's license with false information. The applicant should first contact the Secretary of State's Fraud Division at 217-782-7604 to report the fraudulent driver's license. You will then schedule a time to come in for an interview with the Secretary of State Police, so they can begin to establish your identity and merge your driving records. At that time, a 12-month fraud suspension will be entered. Upon conclusion of the suspension and payment of a reinstatement fee, the person may then apply for a TVDL.**





## FAQs

**Q — I have a DUI or I have had one in the past. Can I still apply for a TVDL?**

**A — When a person is arrested for DUI, he or she is typically asked to submit to a breath/blood/urine test. If the person refuses the test(s) or if a test discloses a Blood-Alcohol Content of .08 or more or drugs, a driving record is created and a statutory summary suspension is entered on the person's driving record. The person must serve the entire suspension period and pay a reinstatement fee before applying for a TVDL. In addition, if the person is convicted of a DUI, a revocation is added to the driving record. The person must have an administrative hearing to seek reinstatement prior to applying for a TVDL.**

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## FAQs

***If reinstatement is granted, a reinstatement fee is required and SR22 liability insurance must be filed before the revocation is cleared. Once the revocation is cleared, the person may apply for a TVDL.***



## FAQs

**Q —** *Is the Secretary of State's office able to provide any assurances that TVDL applicant information will not be shared with federal immigration authorities?*

**A —** *The Secretary of State's office has no plans to provide information to federal immigration authorities (or any other agency) without a request. However, should the office receive a legally valid request from a federal agency (or any other governmental agency) for information regarding undocumented TVDLs, such information will be provided to the requesting agency. Please note that the personal information of TVDL holders, such as name and address, is protected by the federal Driver's Privacy Protection Act and will only be disclosed in compliance with that Act.*



## FAQs

**Q — Do I need insurance before or after I apply for a TVDL?**

**A — *An applicant must show proof of insurance for the vehicle he/she uses to complete the road test. This proof of insurance must be shown prior to the road test.***



## FAQs

**Q — If my TVDL application is denied because of my documents, do I still have to pay the fee?**

**A — *The fee is paid at the Secretary of State facility upon application for the TVDL. If an applicant fails the verification checks, the fee is not refunded. If the application is not processed because of missing documents, a fee is not charged.***